"Young ladies," said the head of the masso . I "Episcopal church, "we are at our with SE agpt b

100 das endo Our quarters are altogether small. We have no funds for building, and there is no suitable house to be had. "I move," said Sister Florence Linn,
"that a committee of three be appoint

ed with power to secure quarters by some ordinary woman's method."

"What do you mean?" asked the president, "by ordinary woman's meth

"By hook or by crook," The explanation being deemed saticid, the motion was put and carried. The president appointed Sister Florence Linn, chairman, and Sisters Sarp Prichard and Genevieve Seronde. Miss Linn, was a tall brunette, with a superb figure and snapping black eyes.
Miss Prichard was fair, with brown
eyes and Titian hair. Miss Seronic
was a innguishing blue eyed blonde.
The meeting adjourned, and the com-

mittee remained for consultation.
"I have a proposition to make," said
the chairman. "You know the octagou house up on the hill? Well, it is just what we want." "We are too late for that property.

interrupted Miss Prichard. "It has been taken for a man's club." "On the contrary, the chib is too late. I had some talk with the owner about leasing his building to us."

"How long ago?"
"I think it was a year ago this sum mer. They say a verbal lease is a

good as a written one."
"Did you agree to take the house?" "I am quite sure I said something about taking it." "Bravo!" exclaimed the other mem

bers of the committee, chapping their hands. "We'll claim it by law." "And nine points of the law are pos sald the president trium pliantly.

"Very well," said Miss Seronde in her soft voice, "let's go to the octagon house and"-

"Settle," supplied Miss Prichard, At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the house committee of the Calumet club, consisting of Messrs, Bob Curtis, Jack Brewster and Howard Meritt, were in the new clubhouse consulting how they should apportion the room when walked the three young ladies.

seeing the men stalking about with their hats on Misses Prichard and Ser-onde shrank back, each with a faint shriek, Miss Linn advanced imperiously.

The men's bats came off one by one

"Mny I ask," said Miss Linn, you are doing here?" We are preparing the building for the occupancy of the Calumet club."
Then you are having your pains for

nothing. This building is leased to our sisterhood."

The men looked at each other and smiled as if greatly amused. They knew they had a lease duly signed. no more, but sweeping by the intruder. as though worthy of no consideration they passed to the read of the build ing. The men could hear them consulting as to how they would arrange matters as they had just been doing themselves. At last the girls reap-peared in the ball, and as they did so a

brigade of scrubwomen came in "Sorry to trouble you, gentlemen," said the chairman, "but we must ask you to vacate. Our house cleaning is to begin."

You are fortunate, ladles," Mr. Curtis, bowing very low. "We have had the house cleaned for you."

The girls looked at each other and

smiled sarcastically. "Look at the windows," said Miss Prichard in a stage whisper. "And the stairs," from Miss Seronde in a musical voice. At the same time she threw up a pair of shapely arms and raised her blue eyes to the ceiling.

Leaving the two girls to wither the been with their contemptuous remarks the chairman, Miss Linn, proceeded to distribute the scrubwomen in the diferent rooms. Mr. Curtis went to her and politely asked to see a copy of the sisterhood's lease. He was informed that they held a verbal lease. When he asked for the date she turned upon

bipr impatiently and said: ises; you are intruders. If you contin

ue such ungentlemanly conduct we shall sue you for trespass." The next morning the Chronicler published an item mentioning the fac of there being two claimants for the octagon house and expressing a hope that the sisterhood would win. The building would be of far more credit to the place as a home for merciful girls than for roystering men. It was to be hoped that the club would not

stand in the way of the sisterhood.

Since both parties could not occupy the same house, the men proposed compromise. It was agreed that the matter should be left to the two commen were invited to meet the sister hood committee at the home of Mis-Linn. The girls were arrayed in their most becoming costumes and had a dainty table set for the club commit-tee. Miss Linn had apportioned off the men, taking Mr. Bob Curtis to herself. After a long term of conviviality, dur-ing which the girls made themselves as attractive as they knew how, the two committees proceeded to business, two commiftees proceeded to business.
The men asked the girls to propose a compromise. Then Miss Linn, acting

as spokesman, said:

We propose as a compromise that
you give up the house to us."

The clubmen looked at each other,

then accepted the terms. WILLARD C. IRVING.

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